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GABRIEL V. LECHUGA )  
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FILED: DECEMBER 12, 2000 ) GROUP ART UNIT NO. 3752  
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DECLARATION OF LILIANA CANCINO IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITION TO REVIVE AN ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

COMES NOW, LILIANA CANCINO, and states and declares as  
follows:

I am the Office Administrator in the office of Robert J.  
Schaap, A Law Corporation, and have been for many years.

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is received, I docket the mail and docket any matters requiring response, and give a copy of that document to the secretary of Mr. Schaap, namely, Pauline Barraza. She similarly makes an entry in her docket book. We also initial each Office Action which is received, and which identifies the date in which a response is due and is initialed by both Mr. Schaap's secretary and myself.

I do know that we have never received a copy of the Advisory Office Action dated April 9, 2002, or the Notice of Abandonment. Otherwise, I would have brought the matter to Mr. Schaap's attention. I know that he would have immediately taken some action. I am also aware that this application is very important to the client.

When an Office Action or other document requiring response is received, I immediately docket that Office Action and provide the same to Mr. Schaap's secretary, who also docket the Office Action in a separate docket book. The enclosed sheets are docket sheets from our docket books for May, June and July of 2002.

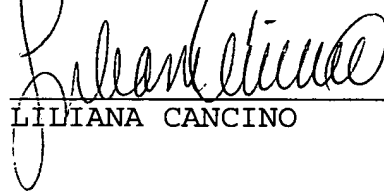
I have also personally examined the file of this application, and I have examined the other files of Plumberex Specialty Products, the assignee of this application. We have found no Office Action dated April 9, 2002.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements

were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the Unites States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Dated: 1/17, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

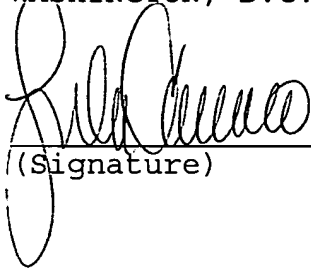
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LILIANA CANCINO



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